

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of)
SHINTANI et al.)
Application Number: To be Assigned)
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For: OPTICAL DISK APPARATUS)
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner
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REQUEST FOR PRIORITY
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Sir:

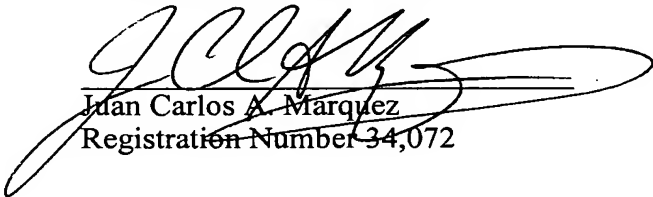
In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of November 19, 2002, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent application 2002-334478.

A certified copy of Japanese patent application 2002-334478 will be submitted when received from Applicants.. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy is respectfully requested in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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